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To require an inventory of documents and devices containing Restricted Data at the national security laboratories of the Department of Energy, to improve security procedures for access to the vaults containing Restricted Data at those laboratories, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Secrets Safety
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INVENTORY OF RESTRICTED DATA AT NATIONAL**
2 **SECURITY LABORATORIES.**

3 (a) INVENTORY REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Energy shall submit to the specified congressional com-
6 mittees a report containing an inventory of each document
7 or device at each national security laboratory that contains
8 Restricted Data.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

10 (1) The term “specified congressional commit-
11 tees” means the Committee on Armed Services of
12 the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of
13 the House of Representatives.

14 (2) The term “national security laboratory” has
15 the meaning given such term in section 3281 of the
16 National Nuclear Security Administration Act (50
17 U.S.C. 2471).

18 (3) The term “Restricted Data” has the mean-
19 ing given such term in section 11 y. of the Atomic
20 Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014(y)).

21 **SEC. 3. INCREASED SECURITY FOR VAULTS AT NATIONAL**
22 **SECURITY LABORATORIES.**

23 (a) ACCESS TO VAULTS.—Section 3234 of the Na-
24 tional Nuclear Security Administration Act (50 U.S.C.
25 2424) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “The Administrator” and insert-
2 ing “(a) PROCEDURES REQUIRED.—The Adminis-
3 trator”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(b) ACCESS TO VAULTS AT NATIONAL SECURITY
7 LABORATORIES.—With respect to any vault containing
8 Restricted Data at any national security laboratory, the
9 procedures shall, at a minimum, provide that an individual
10 shall not have access to any such vault unless, before each
11 access, the identity of the individual is verified by an at-
12 tendant through direct visual observation.”.

13 (b) VAULT ACCESS POLYGRAPH PROGRAM.—Section
14 3233 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 2423) is amended by adding
15 at the end the following new subsection:

16 “(c) VAULT ACCESS POLYGRAPH PROGRAM.—(1) At
17 each national security laboratory, the counterintelligence
18 program specified in subsection (a) shall include a poly-
19 graph program for individuals who have access to any
20 vault containing Restricted Data at that laboratory. The
21 polygraph program shall consist of the administration, to
22 each individual who has access to any such vault, of poly-
23 graph examinations using questions reasonably calculated
24 to obtain information relating to such access.

1 “(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B),
2 each individual shall undergo a polygraph examination not
3 later than one year after the individual has access to any
4 such vault.

5 “(B) In the case of an individual’s first access to any
6 such vault, the individual shall undergo a polygraph exam-
7 ination not later than—

8 “(i) 30 days after the date of such access, if the
9 individual’s first such access occurred after the date
10 of the enactment of the Nuclear Secrets Safety Act;
11 and

12 “(ii) 120 days after the date of the enactment
13 of the Nuclear Secrets Safety Act, if the individual’s
14 first such access occurred on or before such date.”.

15 (c) CHANGE OF LOCK COMBINATIONS.—The Admin-
16 istrator for Nuclear Security shall ensure, for each vault
17 containing Restricted Data at each national security lab-
18 oratory, that the combination of each lock to such vault
19 is changed not later than 30 days after the date of the
20 enactment of this Act.

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